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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated September 26, 2000, please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims

Please add new claim 48.

48. (New) An optical polarizer, comprising:

a reflective polarizer including a first and second material at least one of the first and second materials being birefringent such that a refractive index difference between the first and second materials for light having a first polarization state is large enough to substantially reflect the light having the first polarization state and a refractive index difference between the first and second materials for light having a second polarization state is small enough to substantially transmit the light having the second polarization state; and an absorbing polarizer disposed in close proximity to the reflective polarizer to directly receive light not reflected by the reflective polarizer, the absorbing polarizer absorbing light of the first polarization state to a greater extent than light of the second polarization state.